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MONTGOMERY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM RECEIVES \$65K EQUIPMENT DONATION FROM INTEGRATED COMPUTER SOLUTIONS, INC.

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Integrated Computer Solutions, Inc. (ICS) recently donated approximately \$65,000 of state-of-the-art equipment to the Information Technology Career Academy within the Montgomery Public School System (MPS). The donation was one facet of ICS' commitment to working as a strong community partner with the Career Academies and MPS.

The Career Academies are an innovative approach to education and are "schools within schools" that are focused on and designed around one specific career theme. The themes include health science, information technology, law and public service, business and finance, advanced manufacturing, teaching, culinary arts and hospitality.

The Academies were developed through a collaborative effort between the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce's Career Academies Task Force, local businesses like ICS, and the MPS. They are in their first year of implementation throughout the city's four traditional high schools. The Career Academies offer students up to seven courses in their chosen career field during their years in high school. The purpose is to better prepare Montgomery students for college and/or jobs in their area of study. The IT Career Academy in particular was constructed to give students the necessary technical skills to succeed in our ever increasing digital world.

The equipment given by ICS included several of enterprise-class firewalls and unified threat management appliances, Cisco™ networking hardware as well as networking equipment from Packeteer™. All of the items will be utilized by the IT Career Academy and its students.

ICS president Steve Goldsby explained the contribution. "ICS is excited by the opportunity to support the Montgomery Public School System's IT Career Academy efforts with this donation," he said. "By providing students with hands-on access to cutting edge networking and security equipment, we feel certain that they will graduate high school better prepared to begin college or start their career in IT."

Goldsby has taken the partnership one step further, currently serving on the IT Career Academy Advisory Council and the Curriculum Subcommittee. He also sits on the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

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MPS Superintendent Barbara Thompson expressed appreciation for the donation and stressed the importance of partners like ICS. "It is critical to the success of our career academies to have community support," she said. "This donation is an excellent example of this. Partners like ICS make our academies work. We could not afford the human resources or the equipment that Mr. Goldsby and ICS provided. We are very grateful for their donations and our ongoing partnership to prepare our students for the exciting field of information technology."

So far, both students and educators have been pleased with the IT Career Academy, and MPS expects it and the other Career Academies to grow rapidly in coming years.

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Integrated Computer Solutions, Inc is a full-service information security and technology consulting and professional services firm headquartered in Montgomery, AL, with operating locations throughout the United States. Established in 1997, ICS provides a robust portfolio of technology and information security services to a wide range of Federal, State, and Fortune 1000 clients. The services that ICS offers include outsourcing, staff augmentation and support, network penetration testing, application vulnerability testing, disaster recovery and business continuity planning, risk assessments, WAN optimization, forensics, and incident response services.

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